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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director Board of Pilot Commissioners

SUBJECT: Examinations for Certified Deputy Pilot Openings in the Ports of Canaveral, Miami, Jacksonville/Fernandina and Tampa Bay

DATE: October 13, 2022

If you are interested in applying for the openings in Port Canaveral, Port Miami, Port of Jacksonville/Fernandina and/or Port Tampa Bay, please submit a completed application and a non-refundable application fee of \$200 per port. The Department will not begin accepting applications until **October 19, 2022**. All completed applications must be returned to the Department on or before **December 1, 2022**, however, we encourage you to make application as soon as possible. **Please mail your application to the following address:**

**DBPR/Professions
Board of Pilot Commissioners
PO Box 5377
Tallahassee, FL 32314-5377**

A direct link to the application is here:

<https://www.myfloridalicense.com/intentions2.asp?chBoard=true&boardid=23&SID>

Please note that there will be one or more openings per port. Applicants will be notified if the openings increases further.

The March 2023 Deputy Pilot Examinations are currently scheduled as follows:

DATE: March 15-16, 2023

SITE: Osceola Heritage Park
Exhibition Building
1901 Chief Osceola Trail
Kissimmee, FL 37477-6112

TIME: 7:30 a.m.

Examination for Certified Deputy Pilot Openings in Port Canaveral, Port Miami, Port of Jacksonville/Fernandina and Port Tampa Bay

The examination will consist of the following:

1. (a) Rules of the road, International
(b) Rules of the road, Inland
(c) Seamanship and Ship handling
(d) Federal and State Pilotage Laws and Regulations
(e) Aids to navigation
2. (a) Local Knowledge of Port
(b) Port Chart Work

Prospective applicants are advised to contact the applicable port for information concerning local conditions including but not limited to:

1. Number of pilots
2. Training program in effect
3. Present and projected volume of business
4. Compensation as a deputy and later as a state pilot

Chart Description(s):

Jacksonville/Fernandina

Pilot Boarding area Bravo, inbound Jacksonville Harbor Bar Cut, into St. Johns River to Dames Point Bridge. Drawing will not include the navigational details offshore north and south of Jacksonville Harbor Cut, Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) south of the St. Johns River and north on Sisters Creek. Chart 11491 – lower plate.

Pilot Boarding area, inbound St. Marys Entrance Channel, into the St. Marys River north to Buoy #26 in Cumberland Sound, thence south on the Amelia River to Beacon #12. Drawing will not include the navigational details offshore north or south of the entrance channel. (Chart 11503).

Port Canaveral

The area from the vicinity of the seaward end of the Project Channel including approaches from the south as well as from the north around Southeast Shoal to and including the locks leading to the Banana River and the ICW. This includes the east, middle and west basins. Offshore approaches chart information such as launch warnings and undersea cables should be shown from the latitude 28° North to 28°-23' North, and seaward to Longitude 080°-15' West. (Charts 11476 and 11478)

Miami

The area from the vicinity of the sea buoy to and including all docks and channels utilized by commercial vessels. The main channel is to include the turning basin located at the NW corner of Dodge Island and the ICW and facilities north of that to the Venetian Causeway. The channel south of Lummus and Dodge Island is to include the approaches to the Miami River as far as Brickell Point and that section of the ICW between the Miami River approach and the Main Channel. (Chart 11468)

Tampa Bay

Section I - Approach into Tampa Bay

The approach into Tampa Bay from the vicinity of the sea buoy, as well as by Southwest Channel, to the intersection of E and F Cuts, including buoy "1F" as well as the South and North range lights of F Cut. In addition, the following port approaches/areas will be included:

- a) Port Manatee
- b) South approach to Bayboro (St. Petersburg) to and including junction light "S".

(Chart 11415)

Section II – From the intersection of E and F Cuts, including buoy "1F", to:

- a. The intersection of Hillsborough Cut C and Port Sutton Channel and Cut D, but including the Rear Range Light for Cut C. It will not be necessary to include any of the aids located on the channel into Big Bend, the Alafia, Port Sutton, or into Cut D.
- b. The approaches to and the facilities at Rattlesnake (south of the Gandy Br.) including Port Tampa and the Bayboro (St. Petersburg) via the northern approach. Use of 1:20,000 chartlet of St. Petersburg is expected.

(Chart 11416)

Additional Requirements to Sections I or II

Port Areas and their Approaches:

- a. All channels in Port Tampa including Seddon, Garrison, East Bay and Port Sutton located above the intersection of Hillsborough Cut C, Cut D, and the Port Sutton Channel including Port Sutton ranges. Use of 1:20,000 chartlet of the Port of Tampa is expected. It will not be necessary to include any of the aids in Hillsborough Cut C.
- b. From the intersection of Hillsborough Cut C and the Alafia Range, to and including the facilities in the Alafia River at East Tampa as well as the Alafia Range. It will not be necessary to include any of the aids in Hillsborough Cut C.
- c. From the intersections of Hillsborough Cut A, Cut C and Big Bend Channel, to and including the facilities at Big Bend and the Big Bend Range. It will not be necessary to include any of the aids in Hillsborough Cut C or Cut A.

At the start of Session 2 (chart drawing and local knowledge) of the deputy pilot examination, the candidates will be notified what areas they must draw, namely:

1. Either Section I or Section II, and
2. One of the three port areas a, b or c.